

**Amendment and Response**

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 3, 4, and 10-13.

Please add claims 15-22.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 7, 9, and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A lever device, comprising:

(a) an elongated body member;

(b) a base; and

~~(b)~~(c) a double-sided stretch releasing adhesive strip attached to said ~~body~~base;

Wherein said double-sided stretch releasing strip is configured to temporarily secure said base to a surface, and further wherein said lever device is configured such that when said base is secured to a surface by said strip, said elongated body member is pivotable about said base to selectively contact said surface.

2. (Original) A lever device as defined in claim 1, wherein said body member is rigid and includes a first end portion, a middle portion, and a second end portion, at least one of said first and second end portions comprising a handle.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A lever device as defined in claim 32, wherein said base ~~portion~~ is pivotally connected with said middle portion.

6. (Original) A lever device as defined in claim 5, further comprising a head pivotally connected with said first end portion.

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7. (Currently Amended) A lever device as defined in claim 6, wherein ~~said a second~~ stretch releasing adhesive strip is affixed to said head.

8. (Original) A lever device as defined in claim 7, further comprising biasing means arranged between said base and said body member second end portion for urging said second end portion.

9. (Currently Amended) A lever device as defined in claim 32, wherein said base ~~portion~~ is pivotally connected with said first end portion.

10-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of producing torque with a lever device including ~~and a rigid~~, elongated body member that includes a first end portion, a middle portion, and a second end portion, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) attaching the body member to a surface using a double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip, wherein the strip is affixed to the middle portion of the body member; and
- (b) applying a force to the body member parallel to the surface and perpendicular to the body member to produce torque.

15. (New) A lever device as defined in claim 2, wherein said body member includes a main portion and a support extension, said main portion including said first end portion, said middle portion, and said second end portion, and further where said support extension extends from said middle portion of said main portion.

16. (New) A lever device as defined in claim 15, wherein said double-sided stretch releasing adhesive strip is a first double-sided stretch releasing adhesive strip, said

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lever device further comprising a second double-sided stretch releasing adhesive strip attached to said support extension opposite said main portion of said body member.

17. (New) A lever device as defined in claim 15, wherein said support extension is pivotally connected with said base, and said body member pivots about a connection between said support extension and said base.

18. (New) A method as defined in claim 14, wherein applying a force to the body member includes applying a force to at least one of the first end portion and the second end portion.

19. (New) A method as defined in claim 18, wherein at least one of the first end portion and the second end portion includes a handle.

20. (New) A method as defined in claim 18, wherein the body member is linear.

21. (New) A method as defined in claim 14, wherein the stretch releasing adhesive strip is a pair of elongated strips longitudinally spaced and arranged transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the body member.

22. (New) A method as defined in claim 21, wherein the middle portion includes a planar surface for receiving the adhesive strips to facilitate attaching the body member to the surface.